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## Idaho's Winter Wheat Production Increases

Idaho's 2000 winter wheat production is forecast at 56.9 million bushels, up nearly 6 percent from last year, but 10 percent below the 1998 crop. Based on May 1 conditions, the yield is estimated at 78.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels per acre from last year. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 730,000 acres, an increase of 20,000 acres from last year.

Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 257,000 tons, down from 2,617,000 tons on hand December 1, 1999. Current stocks are down 67 percent from the May 1, 1999 total of 777,000 tons, and are 51 percent lower than the May 1, 1998 total of 520,000 tons. This is Idaho's lowest May hay stocks level since 1995.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.65 billion bushels, down 3 percent from 1999 and 12 percent below 1998 production. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 47.5 bushels per acre, 0.3 bushels per acre less than last year's record high. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 34.7 million acres, down 2 percent from last season. If realized, this will be the smallest winter wheat area since 1971. Hay stocks on farms totaled 28.8 million tons on May 1, 2000, 16 percent more than on May 1, 1999. This is the highest May hay stocks level since 1987.

### *Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production* *Selected States and United States, 1998-99 and Forecasted May 1, 2000*

State	Area Harvested			Yield			Production		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Bushels</i>			<i>Thousands</i>		
Arkansas	900	920	1,080	51.0	56.0	55.0	45,900	51,520	59,400
California	380	370	350	60.0	78.0	82.0	22,800	28,860	28,700
Colorado	2,550	2,400	2,350	39.0	43.0	42.0	99,450	103,200	98,700
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>82.0</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>63,140</b>	<b>53,960</b>	<b>56,940</b>
Illinois	1,200	1,010	910	48.0	60.0	55.0	57,600	60,600	50,050
Indiana	650	510	510	55.0	66.0	62.0	35,750	33,660	31,620
Kansas	10,100	9,200	9,200	49.0	47.0	44.0	494,900	432,400	404,800
Kentucky	550	410	430	45.0	60.0	55.0	24,750	24,600	23,650
Michigan	570	600	500	54.0	69.0	65.0	30,780	41,400	32,500
Missouri	1,250	920	920	46.0	48.0	48.0	57,500	44,160	44,160
Montana	1,250	970	1,430	39.0	38.0	36.0	48,750	36,860	51,480
Nebraska	1,800	1,800	1,750	46.0	48.0	43.0	82,800	86,400	75,250
North Carolina	680	580	590	41.0	49.0	52.0	27,880	28,420	30,680
Ohio	1,160	1,030	1,005	64.0	70.0	72.0	74,240	72,100	72,360
Oklahoma	5,100	4,300	4,100	39.0	35.0	38.0	198,900	150,500	155,800
Oregon	790	630	740	67.0	47.0	64.0	52,930	29,610	47,360
South Dakota	1,420	1,260	1,280	43.0	47.0	44.0	61,060	59,220	56,320
Texas	3,900	3,400	2,200	35.0	36.0	32.0	136,500	122,400	70,400
Washington	2,100	1,670	1,750	65.0	58.0	67.0	136,500	96,860	117,250
Wyoming	200	185	175	32.0	33.0	31.0	6,400	6,105	5,425
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>40,126</b>	<b>35,572</b>	<b>34,709</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>1,880,733</b>	<b>1,699,989</b>	<b>1,648,805</b>

## Mid-April Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of April showed increases for feed barley, potatoes, beef cattle, and steers & heifers. Prices decreased for alfalfa hay, all barley, all wheat, cows, calves, and all milk. Dry beans were unchanged.

For the U.S., the All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in April was 99 based on 1990-92= 100, up 4 points (4.2 percent) from March. Price increases for hogs, broilers, eggs, and strawberries more than offset price decreases for cotton, corn, grapefruit, and broccoli.

### Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, April 1999-April 2000

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		April 1999	March 2000	April 2000 <sup>1/</sup>	April 1999	March 2000	April 2000	
							Price <sup>1/</sup>	% Parity
<b>CROPS:</b>								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	74.00	87.00	75.00	86.40	78.00	84.50	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.51	2.61	2.52	1.78	2.23	2.13	36
Feed	Bu.	2.01	1.91	1.95	1.54	1.78	1.78	--
Malting	Bu.	10/	10/	10/	2.11	2.53	2.52	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	16.70	14.30	14.30	16.60	15.20	14.90	30
Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	4.90	5.15	5.60	6.50	6.33	6.62	49
Fresh <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	4.20	4.60	--	8.38	7.46	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.70	5.00	--	5.29	5.26	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.63	2.58	2.42	2.62	2.59	2.55	26
<b>LIVESTOCK &amp; PRODUCTS:</b>								
Beef Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	58.10	65.90	66.10	62.70	69.80	70.10	45
Cows <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt.	33.60	37.30	35.50	35.10	39.00	39.60	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	65.90	75.00	75.70	66.00	73.40	73.80	--
Calves	Cwt.	80.00	94.00	92.00	88.20	109.00	110.00	56
Lambs	Cwt.	69.00	76.00	--	67.40	80.20	--	--
Milk, All <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt.	12.20	10.60	10.50	12.60	11.90	7/ 11.90	8/ 39
Fluid Grade <sup>9/</sup>	Cwt.	12.20	10.60	--	12.60	12.00	7/ 12.00	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	12.10	10.00	--	12.20	10.10	7/ 10.00	--

1/ Mid-month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.67, fluid milk 3.67, mfg grade 3.81. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Includes milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	March 1999	April 1999	March 2000		April 2000 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	97	96	96	95	99
Prices Paid	115	115	120	119	119
Ratio <sup>1/</sup>	84	83	80	80	83

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

## Idaho Milk Production Up 12 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2000 totaled 573 million pounds, up 12 percent from the same month last year, but down slightly from March 2000. Revised production for March 2000 totaled 574 million pounds, up 12 percent from March 1999. Average milk production per cow in April 2000 was 1,700 pounds, 60 pounds more than April 1999, but 20 pounds less than March 2000. The average number of milk cows in April was 337,000 head, 25,000 more than in April 1999 and 3,000 more than March 2000.

in these same States in April 1999. March revised production, at 12.7 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from March 1999. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,598 pounds for April, 44 pounds above April 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 66,000 head more than April 1999 and 12,000 head more than March 2000.

Nationally, April milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from production

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## Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, April 1999-2000

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2000 As Percent of 1999
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		
Arizona	132	138	2,075	2,080	274	287	105
California	1,456	1,507	1,770	1,815	2,577	2,735	106
Florida	160	158	1,435	1,455	230	230	100
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>112</b>
Illinois	124	120	1,430	1,520	177	182	103
Indiana	136	146	1,360	1,440	185	210	114
Iowa	218	215	1,500	1,560	327	335	102
Kentucky	134	133	1,110	1,220	149	162	109
Michigan	299	291	1,530	1,570	457	457	100
Minnesota	545	540	1,505	1,530	820	826	101
Missouri	160	157	1,290	1,330	206	209	101
New Mexico	231	241	1,740	1,835	402	442	110
New York	700	696	1,460	1,480	1,022	1,030	101
Ohio	260	262	1,420	1,490	369	390	106
Pennsylvania	615	615	1,545	1,590	950	978	103
Texas	342	350	1,545	1,535	528	537	102
Vermont	161	160	1,420	1,495	229	239	104
Virginia	122	120	1,320	1,425	161	171	106
Washington	248	246	1,870	1,915	464	471	102
Wisconsin	1,365	1,354	1,435	1,460	1,959	1,977	101
<b>20 STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>7,720</b>	<b>7,786</b>	<b>1,554</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>11,998</b>	<b>12,441</b>	<b>104</b>

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## U.S. Dairy Products March 2000 Highlights

**Butter** production was 124 million pounds in March, 0.9 percent below March 1999 and 4.6 percent below February 2000.

**American type cheese** production totaled 317 million pounds, 0.1 percent below March 1999 but 5.0 percent above February 2000.

**Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 715 million pounds, 2.6 percent above March 1999 and 10.8 percent above February 2000.

**Cream cottage cheese** production was 31.2 million pounds, 1.3 percent below March 1999 but 10.6 percent above February 2000.

**Lowfat cottage cheese** production was 33.3 million pounds, 2.3 percent below March 1999 but 13.4 percent above February 2000.

**Frozen dessert:** (comparisons with March 1999)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) --- 80.8 million gallons, up 4.7 percent.

Lowfat (total) --- 34.8 million gallons, up 1.4 percent.

Nonfat (hard) --- 3.20 million gallons, up 2.4 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 4.56 million gallons, down 4.6 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 8.50 million gallons, down 8.9 percent.

**Dry milk products:** (comparisons with March 1999)

Nonfat Dry Milk

for human food --- 143 million pounds, up 10.8 percent.

Dry whole milk --- 11.9 million pounds, up 25.1 percent.

Dry buttermilk --- 4.80 million pounds, down 15.1 percent.

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## Idaho Onion Intentions

Onion acreage planted in Idaho is expected to be 7,600 acres, a 6 percent decrease from 1999's acreage and a 7 percent decrease from 1998. Low market prices contributed to the decrease in planted acreage. Planting has started and is progressing normally.

Nationally, onion growers intend to plant 176,450 acres of

onions in 2000. Spring onion producers planted 39,200 acres down 3 percent from last year and 1 percent above 1998. Summer, non-storage acreage (excluding California) is 15,700 acres, up 6 percent, while total summer onion acreage at 137,250 acres is down 3 percent from the previous year. Storage onions (except California) are intended to be planted on 77,050, down 10 percent from 1999.

### *Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 1999-00*

Season and State	Acres			2000 As Percent of 1999
	1998	1999	2000	
Spring 1/ Summer 1/ Non-storage	38,900	40,300	39,200	97
California 2/ Nevada			6,500	
	2,100	2,800	3,000	107
New Mexico	7,300	7,300	8,000	110
Texas	4,200	3,800	3,900	103
Washington	850	850	800	94
Summer Non-storage Total 3/	14,450	14,750	22,200	106
Storage				
California 4/ Colorado	39,000	41,600	38,000	
	16,500	15,500	12,400	80
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>94</b>
Michigan	4,500	4,100	3,800	93
Minnesota	490	480	300	63
New York	13,100	13,000	13,000	100
Ohio	530	480	450	94
Oregon				
Malheur	12,200	13,000	11,700	90
Other	7,600	7,300	6,700	92
Utah	2,500	2,800	2,800	100
Washington	17,300	18,300	16,300	89
Wisconsin	2,100	2,300	2,000	87
<b>Summer Storage Total 3/</b>	<b>124,020</b>	<b>126,960</b>	<b>115,050</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Summer Total</b>	<b>138,470</b>	<b>141,710</b>	<b>137,250</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>177,370</b>	<b>182,010</b>	<b>176,450</b>	<b>97</b>

1/ Primarily fresh market. 2/ Added to vegetable program in 2000. 3/ Percent calculated excluding California. 4/ Revised for 1998 and 1999. Primarily dehydrated and other processing. Percent is not comparable from 1999 to 2000.